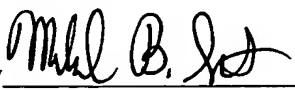


**REMARKS**

Applicant has canceled claims 2 - 18 of the international application to eliminate the multiple dependency.

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